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God our Father,

*Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives,
and by Your command we return to you.
Lord, those who die still live in Your
presence, their lives change but do not end.
I pray in hope for my family,
relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known to You alone.
In company with Christ,
who died and now lives,
may they rejoice in Your kingdom,
where all our tears are wiped away.
Unite us together again in one family,
to sing Your praise forever and ever.*

ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

PATRICK SULLIVAN (Birthday Rem)
PAULINE FOLEY
ALICE O'LEARY
BERNIE McGRATH
TOMMY KINSELLA
BREDA FINN
EVA LAVIN
GEORGE MARKS
VINCENT POWELL
BERNIE PURCELL
JAMES TUBRITT (Remembrance)
MARY O'CONNELL
THERESA O'KEEFFE
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PADDY LUCAS

BUTLERSTOWN

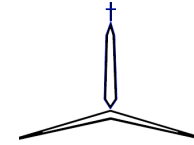
MICHAEL CORBETT

May they Rest in Peace



*Allow God's promise to
flood your heart today,
and never lose hope over
things over which only
God has control.*

Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



20th of August, 2023 - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fighting for her Child

Matthew 15:21-28

She was a woman like many. She would fight for her child, so she took on Jesus, the best known religious figure around. Like someone taking on a government over a medical card for a chronically ill child, and not letting them off the hook. Jesus was testing her. He saw faith, but he wanted everyone else to see it. So he told her she didn't fit into the local religious sphere because she was a foreigner. She knew she fitted into the heart of Jesus simply because she was the mother of a sick child and believed he could help.

Even if he would cure everyone, maybe he would come back to her at the end. Jesus went further - he cured her child and praised her faith.

She is another of the unnamed people of the gospel. Like the woman of Samaria, the rich young man, the thief on Calvary - she is herself, and she is all of us. She is everyone, man and woman, of faith.



Faith in a surprising God who, in Jesus, his Son, never says no to goodness. Faith that keeps us energetic and alive, not tired, in soul as well as body.

Fr Donal Neary, S.J

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LIVE STREAMING FROM BUTLERSTOWN

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St Paul's Church weekdays 11am -1.00pm.

Butlerstown Church daily 12.00 to 4.00pm

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*Woman, you have great faith.
Let your wish be granted. (Mt 15:28)*

A THOUGHT

The brain prefers nature sounds to man-made or mechanical sounds. So when you go out into nature for some green therapy, it's best to go to places that are free from traffic, aviation or agricultural noise.

The sounds of nature that we most like are water, wind and birdsong so pick the times when birdsong is at its loudest in your environment.

When we go into nature and try to listen to its sounds it can be more difficult than appreciating its sights. As a general rule, try to avoid human sounds when renewing yourself in nature. Most of the demands in our lives come from other humans.

Tom Gunning

Nature's Way – A Guide to Green Therapy (Beehive Books)

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If anybody is available and willing to help us with Parish Envelope Deliveries in St Paul's Area, we would appreciate your help. Please contact the Parish Office next week at 357730. Thank you.

SLIEVEKEALE ACTIVE RETIREMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Our trip planned for the 23rd of August is cancelled and will now take place on the 30th of August.

MATTHEW 15:21-28

God wants all kinds of people to believe in him, even those the world sees as outsiders. Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman is a powerful lesson on how God accepts all people based on faith.

THE WORD OF GOD

There are many ways to 'hear' words. They can be just sound, external meaning, like giving information or directions.

The word of God is more like the word of a friend, spoken to the mind and to the heart. Or it is like the words of a caring parent giving advice or directions out of love.

The Word of God gives meaning to life and is spoken always in love. Prayer is giving time to hearing this word on the deepest levels of our heart.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we thank You for the word that has enabled us to understand better the will of the Father. May Your Spirit enlighten our actions and grant us the strength to practice what Your Word has revealed to us. May we, like Mary, Your mother, not only listen to but also practice the Word You have given us. Amen.

ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD OF DEACON MARK O'FARRELL

This Sunday, August 20th, Deacon Mark O'Farrell will be ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan at 3pm in the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Waterford.

Please keep Deacon Mark in your prayers these days as he prepares for Ordination.

Guiding Lord, light of direction and discernment,

Shine in our hearts today.

As we journey through life, with events and upsets we do not understand,

Steady us with the patience of faith.

When all feels lost

and we are tired by our days.

Strengthen us

with the persistence of faith.

When we are daunted by obstacles in our lives and in the world,

Embolden us with the courage of faith.

When hurts and slights sting

or indifference isolates us.

Soothe us with the essence of faith.

Embrace us in your eternal love and

remind us of your reassuring promise,

To be with us always, to the end of our days. Amen.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Having met with rejection from the Pharisees Jesus goes to Gentile territory and encounters unexpected faith in the Canaanite woman. His mission had previously been to his own people. This adds a new dimension to his mission. Have you had occasions when a chance encounter set your life off in a new direction?

The initial reaction of Jesus to the woman was one of rejection but her persistence won a response from him.

When have you found that persistence was needed to gain what you sought? What did that experience teach you?

John Byrne OSA